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1. On or about 15 October 1952, all Reichsbahn directorates in East Germany place at the disposal of the Soviet Control Commission 25 freight trains of 60 box cars each. Each boxcar was to be equipped with rough wooden benches, a wood burning stove and two buckets for sanitation purposes. On or about 18 October the trains received orders to proceed in direction of Brest/Litovsk. Approximately one week later the trains, this time loaded with Soviet troops, returned to Germany, and were shunted to the Torgau and Falkenberg areas. Trains moved primarily at night and were guarded during the day by MVD troops. The occupants at no time were observed outside their carriages. An average of four trains arrived each night in the above-mentioned areas.
2. The size of the total troop shipment is unknown, as some trains made the trip twice. It is estimated that 60 to 70 men occupied each box car.
3. Security on this movement was unusually severe. Train disposition sheets, showing routing of the incoming, extra-schedule trains were in the hands of Soviet officers and not, as is usual, on file with the Reichsbahn Directorate in charge of the area.

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